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Food and Agriculture Department.

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~~G.O.~~ READ - the following:-

G.O. No. 1450 F.&.A. dated the 22nd November 1949
From the Director of Agriculture, D1.872/49 & dated the 26th November 1949.

ORDER:

In the read above, the Government have inter alia permitted the Director of Agriculture to attend the Food Production Conference of Provincial and State Representatives at New Delhi on the 28th to 30th November 1949. His Excellency the Governor of Madras also permits the Director of Agriculture to attend the meeting of the Advisory Board of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research to be held at New Delhi on the 1st and 2nd December 1949 after attending the above Conference.

(By order of His Excellency the Governor)

M.A. KUTTALALINGAM PILLAI
Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Agriculture.
To the Accountant-General.

From
Sri R.M. Sundaram, I.C.S.,
Director of Agriculture,
Chepauk, MADRAS.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Food and Agriculture Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

No.D1-872/49 dated the 6th December 1949.

Sir,

Sub: PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETINGS OF THE ADVISORY BOARD OF the Indian Council of Agricultural Reserach.
Ref: G.O.(Ms) No. 1490 F.&.A. dated the 28th November 1949.

I attended the meetings of the Advisory Board of the Indian Council of Agricultural Reserach on the 1st and 2nd December 1949 at New Delhi. The Annual General meeting of the Indian Council of Agricultural Reserach was first held and the report on its working for the previous year as well as the accounts were adopted. At the Advisory Board meeting, a big agenda of nearly 170 subjects was disposed of. The action taken on the recommendations of the Advisory Board at its previous meeting in January 1949 was explained. Representatives were elected to the various Committees andDr. B.N. Uppal, Director of Agriculture, Bombay was elected to represent the Advisory Board on the Governing Body of the Council.

2. The Annual Reports of the Indian Dairy Reserach Institute and the Indian Veterinary Reserach Institute for 1948-49 were laid before the house. The report of the Indian Agricultural Research Institute at New Delhi was not ready. The question of subscribing to the Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux was discussed and the general view was that we had nothing substantial to gain even though India's contribution to the Bureau amounted to 1.46 lakhs. Subsidies to various scientific bodies for publication of journals were sanctioned. It was decided to draw the attention of the Provincial Government to one of the recommendations regarding the supply of water to crops as early as possible so as to facilitate early sowing. It was a very important factor for a good growth which often compensated to some extend the lack of manurial applications and cultural practices. The Chairmen of the various Sub Committees (Botany, Chemistry, Agronomy, Entomology, Animal Nutrition, Foodgrains, Fruits and Vegetables, Miscellaneous etc) presented their report on the various schemes for consideration. A number of schemes were sanctioned while others were rejected and some were to be modified and brought up before the Advisory Board again. As far as Madras Province was concerned the following shows the position.

The new scheme sponsored by the Andhra University for minerological analysis of soils was rejected on the ground that this work was already being done by our Agricultural Chemist. The scheme for the control of weeds in the Provinces of Madras, Bombay, U.P. and Bengal was considered, but the Board ordered that model schemes should be prepared afresh and sent to the provinces for necessary action. The scheme for research on pests of fruit trees of Madras was turned down on the ground that the D.D.T scheme already in existence in Madras may be enlarged to include the items on the new scheme.

3. The scheme for opening Bee Research Stations in United Provinces, Madras and Travancore was not accepted. The Entomology Committee recommended the appointment of a First Grade Officer at the Centre to begin with but all the provinces concerned protested against this move which should be of no benefit to the provinces. In the end a small Sub Committee was appointed to go into the existing materials available and report to the Chairman on the further steps necessary. The Rural Pisciicultural Scheme, Madras, was extended for one year, but it was decided to transfer this scheme to the Central Fishery Research Institute as early as possible. The new scheme for work on rusts of jowar and bajra in Madras was referred to the Regional Committee. The Board refused to extend the scheme of investigation on the cyto-genetics of pulses of Annamalai University. The scheme for the cultivation of medicinal plants in Madras, Bombay, C.P.,Berar, East Punjab, etc., was turned down after considerable discussion as work on such plants was been going on in the various research institutes already. It was decided that all these institutes should first be consulted and a revised scheme submitted. The scheme for research on sweet potaotes and tapioca in Travancore andCochin and the scheme for the improvement of tuber crops in Madras were

sanctioned, but it was decided to ask the Subsidiary Food Committee of the Government of India to finance these schemes. If the Sub Committee did not do so, then the question of contribution from the IndianCouncil of Agricultural Research shall be taken up.

4. There was an interesting discussion on the new scheme for research on windmills. Mr. Taylor of the American Embassy spoke at great length on irrigation by wind mills. It was decided that as most of the ~~prfenes~~ pumping had sufficient data already on these wind mills, there was no need to sanction a new scheme, but the provinces should be requested to take up the matter in right earnest and see how far wind mills can be popularised.

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